

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
DECEMBER 1, 2022, 4:30 PM**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Special Meeting at 4:32 p.m. in the Board Room at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani

OTHERS PRESENT Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

BY ZOOM ACCESS: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Byrne and Jones Letter of Intent for the L-P Sports Complex Phase II Project

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve of approval of the Byrne and Jones Letter of Intent for the L-P Sports Complex Phase II Project contingent on a revised April 1, 2023, date. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to approval the following appointments as presented:

- a. Mrs. Amy Picco, Bookstore/Duplicating Specialist, effective December 7, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mrs. Joyce Sell)

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to move to executive/closed session for purposes of:

- a) Student Discipline, with open session and possible action items to follow. All in favor, Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 4:40p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time 4:46 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Student Transfer Plan for Student Discipline #4 to the LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Safe Schools Program

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to recommend the transfer of Student #4 to the LaSalle County Regional Office of Education Safe Schools Program (hereafter the "Program") in lieu of expulsion beginning December 2, 2022, through June 20, 2023, with a possible return to the District at the start of the 2023-2024 school year based upon the outcome of the placement meeting at the Program to be conducted in June 2023. Such action is appropriate because of the threat to school safety due to the student possessing a knife on campus while other students were present and the exposed risk to himself and other students and staff. In support of this decision the Board finds as follows and presented:

- The student’s behavior at issue this evening indicates that he poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the District community.
- The student has a history of misbehavior in the District, for which he previously had been disciplined. Student #4 in 2022-2023 has had 12 disciplinary referrals. This includes a 10-day out-of-school suspension for possession of a weapon (knife) and a 1-day suspension for gross misconduct. Student #4 has 6 absences this semester and 7 tardies. Student #4 is a sophomore at LaSalle-Peru High School with 6.5 credits earned towards graduation.
- In light of such behavior removal to the Program (or, if that is not possible, expulsion) is in the best interest of the District. The student otherwise remaining in the District would pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, and members of the school community.
- The administration has determined that placement at the Program in lieu of expulsion is the appropriate intervention and is supported by the parent.
- Based upon communication with the Administration, the Board determines that if the transfer to the Program is not possible then no other appropriate and available disciplinary interventions short of the recommended expulsion period exist since all such interventions, including suspension, have been exhausted.

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to adjourn. All in favor, Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 4:50 p.m.


Mr. Tony Sparks
President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary